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I am unhappy about wording of President's letter to Nehru particularly the mention of Chinese Communists in second paragraph, word of sympathy and then abrupt transition back to Cuba. Impression is of passing gesture toward India's preoccupation with Chinese attack purely as a prelude to Cuban concerns. And Indians will quickly sense tactic in linking two. Would you authorize adding corrective sentence at end of second paragraph as follows:

BEGIN QUOTE

Knowing the depth of your preoccupations it is with hesitation I ask your consideration for a problem we face on our own borders.

END QUOTE

And begin next sentence "in Cuba" rather than "as to Cuba".

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